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Narberth Urban District Council



ANNUAL
REPORT

OF THE
DISTRICT
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.

It is with much pleasure that I present the Annual Report on the health of your district during the year 1963.

During the year the health of your district has been good. There were no infant deaths or deaths from tuberculosis for a fifth consecutive year and also no new cases of tuberculosis were notified.

There were two stillbirths, which due to the small number of births gives an abnormally high Peri-natal Mortality Rate.

Water Supply

Again the lack of an adequate water supply was a problem, although the position was not as serious as in previous years.

Welfare Services

It is hoped to form a Local Welfare Committee so that elderly folk can be visited and a chiropody service started. This service is already being provided at the local Welfare Home.

Again I should like to emphasize how important a part the Public Health Inspector plays in the maintenance of the conditions suitable for healthy living.

I should also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Council and its officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation, and to include in this my thanks to my clerk for all her help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

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VITAL STATISTICS

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate)....1963....
1,030.....

	Narberth U.D.1963	Narberth U.D.1962	County of Pembrokeshire	England & Wales
Live Births	14	14		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	13.6	14.6	19.18	18.2
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births	nil	nil		
Still Births	2	nil		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	125.0	nil	19.45	17.3
Total Live and Still Births	16	14		
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year)	nil	nil		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	nil	nil	21.58	20.9
- legitimate	nil	nil		
- illegitimate	nil	nil		
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks)(per 1,000 Live Births)	nil	nil	13.41	14.2
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week)(per 1,000 Live Births)	nil	nil	11.66	
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week and Still Births Combined)(per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	125.0	nil	30.89	
There were again no deaths of infants under one year of age.				
Maternal Deaths	nil	nil		
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	nil	nil	nil	0.28
Deaths	22	13		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	21.35	13.54	12.2	12.2

The general death rate shows an increase on last year's figure and 9 of the 22 deaths were caused by heart disease. There was 1 death from cancer of the lung in a woman aged 75 who was a non-smoker. Approximately 27.3% of the total number of deaths occurred in persons aged over 80 years.

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	9	13
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	-	1
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus,	-	1
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	2
Coronary disease, angina,	3	4
Hyperplasia with heart disease	1	-
Other heart disease	-	1
Other circulatory disease	2	-
Bronchitis	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	1
All other accidents	-	1

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Nil.

TUBERCULOSIS

There were again no deaths from tuberculosis this year and no new cases were notified.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. Vaccination B.C.G. Vaccination of contacts and school leavers continues to be carried out in the district. During 1963 44 school leavers (i.e., pupils aged thirteen years and over) were skin tested, and of these, 43 required vaccination, including 2 contacts. Dr.D.Llewelyn Davies, the Chest Physician, also vaccinates contacts at the Chest Clinic.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The town was again visited during the month of November by the Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service, which carried out a survey amongst the general population. The results are as follows:-

	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total No. examined	118	63	55
No. found to be abnormal	13 (11.02%)	5	8
No. requiring further observation	1 (.85%)	1	-
Other abnormalities of the chest	12 (10.17%)	4	8

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Public Health Services

Both vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus

are carried out at the Clinic and also by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council for records received each quarter by your Medical Officer. During 1963 the following records were received:-

Primary Vaccinations	5	Re-vaccinations	1
Diphtheria Immunisations	13	Re-inforcements	3
Whooping Cough Immunisations	13	Tetanus Immunisations	13

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

The use of oral vaccine has been found to be very satisfactory, particularly for infants, but the response from the 15-25 age group is still poor.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47:- Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

